

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amendments without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of reducing severity of a symptom of virus infection in an individual infected with a virus, comprising administering a composition comprising a polynucleotide comprising an immunostimulatory sequence (ISS) to said individual, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3', wherein an antigen of the virus is not administered in conjunction with administration of said composition, wherein an immunostimulatory cytokine is not administered in conjunction with administration of said composition and wherein said composition is administered in an amount sufficient to reduce severity of a symptom of virus infection.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-purine, purine, C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3'.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 2, wherein the ISS comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of 5'-AACGTTTCG-3', and 5'-GACGTTTCG-3'.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-TGA CTGTGAACGTTTCGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:1).

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the individual is a mammal.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein administration is at the site of infection.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A kit for use in ameliorating or preventing a symptom of virus infection in an individual infected with, exposed to or at risk of being exposed to a virus, comprising

a composition comprising a polynucleotide comprising an immunostimulatory sequence (ISS), wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3' and wherein the kit does not comprise an antigen of the virus or an immunostimulatory cytokine; and instructions for administration of said composition to an individual infected with, exposed to or at risk of being exposed to the virus.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The kit of claim 7, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-purine, purine, C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3'.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The kit of claim 8, wherein the ISS comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of 5'-AACGTTCG-3', and 5'-GACGTTCG-3'.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The kit of claim 7, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-TGACTGTGAACGTTCGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:1).